

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 616

By Durham

A RESOLUTION recognizing County Line Farm, a Tennessee Century Farm.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor and recognize those exceptional farming families who, through their dedication to the ancient and esteemed traditions of agriculture, have made significant contributions to their respective communities and to this State; and

WHEREAS, the Linton family certainly ranks among those estimable Tennessee farming families; County Line Farm, owned and operated by the family since 1869, has been designated a Tennessee Century Farm in recognition of its long and illustrious history; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Century Farms Program recognizes those families who have owned and farmed the same land for over a century, and also documents and interprets the State's history and culture of farming; and

WHEREAS, County Line Farm was founded in 1869 by Silas Linton and his wife, Katie Anderson Linton; Mr. and Mrs. Linton produced corn, wheat, oats, hay, cattle, and mules on the 75-acre farm; and

WHEREAS, Silas and Katie had seven children, and their son, Joseph Hooper Linton, was the member of the next generation to own the farm; Joseph raised corn, wheat, hay, cattle, sheep, goats, chickens, and turkeys; and

WHEREAS, in addition to cultivating crops and raising livestock, Joseph made some improvements to the farm by constructing a new barn in 1918 and a new farm house in 1927; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Hooper Linton and his wife, Ida McPherson Linton, had one child, Lloyd Anderson Linton, who became the next owner of the farm in 1973; and

WHEREAS, today, Lloyd, his wife Frances Elizabeth Linton, and his daughter, Mary Luretta Little, her husband, Ben Little, and their child, Britt, live on the farm; and

WHEREAS, under their ownership, County Line Farm primarily raises a herd of beef cattle; a barn that is over 120 years old and a log house are still being used today; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State, the strength of its communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as the members of the Linton family, who have demonstrated a deep respect for tradition and hard work and a love for the land; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate owners Lloyd Anderson Linton, Frances Elizabeth Linton, and Mary Luretta Little, whose County Line Farm has been designated a Tennessee Century Farm, commend Mr. and Mrs. Linton and their family for their dedication to agriculture, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.